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SUBJ: PGESS COMMENT KISSINGER SEATTLE SPEECH

1. FOLLOWING EXCERPTS EDITORIAL JULY 24 ISSUE WIDELY READ
INDEPENDENT DAILY SINAR HARAPAN QTE DR. KISSINGER COMMENTS
ON ASIA UNQTE. THIS EDITORIAL SIGNIFICANT IN THAT IT
EXPRESSES ATTITUDE MAJOR BODY INDEPENDENT JOURNALISTS
INDONESIA, MOST OF WHOM FUNDAMENTALLY SYMPATHETIC TO U.S.,
BUT WHO ALSO UNEASY REGARD FUTURE U.S. ROLE IN ASIA AND
WHO CONTINUE STRUGGLE TO RESOLVE THEIR IDENTIFICATION
AMERICAN VALUES WITH STRONG DISAPPROVAL U.S. ROLE VIETNAM.

2. QTE THE SPEECH U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE DR. HENRY
KISSINGER DELIVERD BEFORE THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN
SEATTLE, THE CITY FACING THE PACIFIC OCEAN AND ASIA,
HAD BETTER BE VIEWED AS AN ATTEMPT TO MAKE A BALANCE OF
PAST U.S. POLICY TOWARD ASIA. IN ADDITION, IT CONTAINS
SOME IDEAS WHICH MIGHT BE TAKEN AS THE BASIS FOR FOREIGN
POLICY BY THE NEW U.S. GOVERNMENT IN 1977.

3. QTE DR. KISSINGER, WHO IS KNOWN TO BE CHIEFLY
INTERESTED IN EUROPEAN PROBLEMS, THE EQUILIBRIUM IN THE
STRATEGIC NUCLEAR CAPABILITY OF THE SUPERPOWERS AND
RECENTLY IN PROBLEMS OF ENERGY RELATED TO THE POSITION
OF THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES APPEARED TO HAVE DIFFICULTY
IN ABANDONING SOME CLICHES ON ASIA.

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4. QTE THE U.S. ROLE IN VIETNAM WAS NOT AS CLEARCUT AS DR. KISSINGER DESCRIBED, NAMELY THAT IT WAS AHOLY MISSION.

HE DID NOT MENTION THE FACTORS OF MISCALCULATION, PERSONAL RELATIONS, THE RELUCTANCE TO REVISE A WRONG POLICY LINE, ETC. WHICH RENDERED THE U.S. ROLE A TRAGEDY.

5. QTE DR. KISSINGER'S SERVICE, OF COURSE, IS THAT AS PRESIDENT NIXON'S SPECIAL ADVISOR HE SUCCEEDED IN OPENING THE WAY FOR THE U.S. TO WITHDGAU FROM VIETNAM HONORABLY BY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, APPROACHING CHINA,

6. QTE SINCE THE ISSUANCE OF THE CHOU-NIXON COMMUNIQUE IN SHANGHAI IN FEBRUARY 1972 WE HAVE SEEN HOW THE U.S. HAS RELIED ON CHINA AS A CO-STABILIZER FOR THE SITUATION IN EAST ASIA. THIS WAS ALSO SEEN IN KISSINGER'S SPEECH AND IN HIS SUGGESTION ON THE SETTLEMENT OF THE KOREAN PROBLEM WHICH APPEARED TO BE PREPARED TO STRENGTHEN THE POSITION OF FORD AS REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE.

7. QTE WHAT IS CLEAR IS THE IMPORTANCE OF JAPAN'S POSITION FOR THE U.S. PRESENCE IN ASIA. THERE IS SPECULATION THAT THE ONE AND ONLY SITUATION IN WHICH THE U.S. MIGHT INVOLVE ITSELF IN A PHYSICAL CONFRONTATION IN ASIA IS IF JAPAN IS THREATENED, OR IF ITS STRATEGIC LANES ARE THREATENED.

8. QTE IN OUR OPINION, THE SPEECH OF THE U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE IN SEATTLE CAN OFFER MATERIAL FOR AN EVALUATION OF THE U.S. POSITION IN THE FUTURE, BUT NOT A CLEAR INDICATION OF THE U.S. FOREIGN POLICY LINE. THE REASON IS THAT THE U.S. IS FACING A PROCESS OF CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT WHICH NO DOUBT WILL AFFECT THE COUNTRY'S FOREIGN PLICY ENDQTE. ENDUSINFO.

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